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## EDITORIALS



John W. Cline

### THE NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT

The post of President-Elect of the C.M.A., highest elective position decided each year, went this year to Doctor John W. Cline of San Francisco. For the benefit of those members not acquainted with their new President-Elect, a short biographical sketch is in order.

Born in Sonoma County, California, he attended public schools in California and took his A.B. degree at the University of California in 1921. His medical training was at Harvard University, where he obtained his M.D. in 1925. His final year was spent as an intern at the Faulkner Hospital, followed by the 1925-1927 period as house officer at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, and two additional years, 1927 to 1929, as a resident surgeon at Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Doctor Cline established his practice in San Francisco, where he has continued in practice and where he has become an assistant clinical professor of surgery at Stanford University Medical School, assistant visiting surgeon at San Fran-

cisco Hospital and associate surgeon at Children's Hospital. During both his medical schooling and his active practice he has written scientific articles, his earliest dating back to 1925 and his latest appearing this year. At present he has a number of additional papers on surgical subjects in preparation.

Always a student of the economic side of medical practice, he has served as a director and as president of the San Francisco County Medical Society and has been an elected member of the C.M.A. Council since 1940. In the last-named capacity he has served as chairman of the Auditing Committee and chairman of the Executive Committee. Last year he served his first year as a Delegate to the American Medical Association.

Doctor Cline resides in San Francisco, is married and the father of three children.

### ANNUAL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Elsewhere in this issue are printed the minutes and proceedings of the seventy-fifth annual session of the California Medical Association. They make interesting reading, important to all C.M.A. members.

Summarizing four days packed full of meetings, conferences and sessions is a task too severe for your editor but there are certain achievements which may be highlighted and pointed to with pride.

Among other things, this annual session (1) approved an official C.M.A. reorganization which provides for an expanded central office with officers serving on a part-time basis, (2) reindorsed the principle of advanced dues for the purpose of providing sufficient funds for an adequate public relations program, and (3) adopted a comprehensive report for the betterment of California Physicians' Service.

On the side of official organization, the Council adopted resolutions calling for the employment of an assistant Executive Secretary and several field secretaries. The House of Delegates approved the retirement of Doctor George H. Kress as Secretary-Editor, naming him Honorary Historian and Editor Emeritus after thirty-nine years of devoted service to organized medicine. His former duties in the C.M.A. office will be taken over by Dr. L. Henry Garland of San Francisco, appointed Secretary-Treasurer, and Doctor Dwight L. Wilbur of San Francisco, named Chairman of the Editorial Board and Editor of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Election of officers for 1946-1947 saw Doctor John W. Cline of San Francisco elevated to the position of President-Elect, succeeding Doctor Sam J. McClendon of San Diego, who was installed as President at the closing session of the House of Delegates. Doctor E. Vincent Askey of Los Angeles was reelected Speaker of the House of Delegates and Doctor Lewis A. Alesen was reelected Vice-Speaker.

As Councilors, the House of Delegates reelected Doctor Harry E. Henderson of Santa Barbara for the Third District and Doctor John

W. Green of Vallejo for the Ninth District. For the Sixth District, San Francisco County, Doctor Edwin L. Bruck was chosen as Councilor after having resigned as Councilor-at-Large. His place as Councilor-at-Large was taken by Doctor H. Gordon MacLean of Oakland. Others elected in this capacity were Doctor C. V. Thompson of Lodi, succeeding Doctor Dewey R. Powell of Stockton, and Doctor Louis J. Regan of Los Angeles, succeeding Doctor Edward B. Dewey of Pasadena.

For Delegates to the A.M.A., Doctors H. Gordon MacLean, E. Vincent Askey, John W. Cline and Donald Cass were reelected. In addition, Doctor John W. Green was named an A.M.A. Delegate to succeed Doctor Dwight H. Murray, who resigned because of his election last year as a Trustee of the A.M.A.

As Alternates to the A.M.A., Doctors L. H. Fraser of Richmond, C. Kelly Canelo of San Jose and Ralph B. Eusden of Long Beach were reelected and Doctor William Benbow Thompson of Los Angeles was chosen to succeed Doctor Donald G. Tollefson of Los Angeles. To succeed Doctor John W. Green, elevated to Delegate to the A.M.A., Doctor H. Randall Madeley of Vallejo was selected as Alternate.

Notable throughout the meeting was the air of agreement on the fundamental principle that medicine must lead the way in furnishing the public with the financial means of meeting unpredictable costs. The old arguments on the pros and cons of this question were not evident this year; the only questions were those on the methods to be employed. Scientific advances in medicine have long been taken for granted; now we see the recognition of economic advances.

The House of delegates, acting on the comprehensive report of the Chandler Committee, adopted new and wider avenues for California Physicians' Service to follow. At the same time, this action brought into greater prominence the desirable availability of C.P.S. to a greater segment of the population. The changes adopted, reported in other pages of this issue, indicate the desire of California physicians to devote their efforts to public service. Here at last is the ultimate recognition of the people as the master of medicine. Here is reiteration of the oft-expressed principle that what is good for the people is good for medicine.

### WAGNER-MURRAY-DINGELL BILLS

Current comment on the 1946 versions of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bills seems to indicate that this type of legislation will not be passed by the present session of Congress. The Senate version of the bills, S. 1606, is still in committee, where hearings have been held for the past two months; the House version has been held back, presumably for political reasons but probably because the House of Representatives would demand that such a measure go before its Ways & Means Committee, the one committee which considers all federal fiscal ideas. Let us not forget that all